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PHILADELPHIA--A FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PLANS OFFICER SAID TONIGHT THAT HE DOUBTED PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S EXPLANATION OF HOW AN AMERICAN PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER RUSSIA.

LYLE H. MUNSON, IN A RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH WFIL NEWSMAN PAUL PARKER, SAID THE AMERICAN PUBLIC LACKS FIRM INFORMATION AND DETAILS ABOUT THE ILL-FATED FLIGHT OF FRANCIS G. POWERS BUT THE INCIDENT SUGGESTS SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A PLANE.

MUNSON, HEAD OF A NEW YORK BOOK FIRM, WHO HAD BEEN A PLANS OFFICER WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND ALSO SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II, SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL THAT THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY A RUSSIAN MISSILE.

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